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COLUMBIA COUNTY FAIR IS NOW IN PROGRESS

HAS GOOD ATTENDANCE

Today is School Children's Day---Interesting Program Arranged.

The sixth annual Columbia County Fair was opened Wednesday morning. In the forenoon many of the exhibits were not in place, and not until the afternoon did the crowd begin to assemble. Inspection of exhibits, the livestock parade, music by the Warren band and a balloon ascension by Prof. LeStrange entertained the crowd during the afternoon. Thursday all exhibits were in place and a more creditable showing was made. Considering the weather conditions of the past summer, the agricultural exhibits are most creditable. Great yellow pumpkins; long ears of pearly and yellow corn peeping out from green sheaths; tall glass jars containing pears, apples, peaches, berries and other fruits grown in the county; potatoes, wheat, rye, oats and other farm products show conclusively that Columbia county is a farming country, or can be made such. In the woman's building are many exhibits of needlework which attracts the attention of the visitors. The school exhibit is par excellence, and many of Columbia county's schools are represented. The exhibits of the school children attracted much favorable comment.

In the livestock department one may see the finest of Yorkshire, Short-horn, Holstein and Jersey cattle, and the fact that "pigs are pigs" is demonstrated by the exhibit of Poland China, Berkshire, Chester White and other thoroughbred hogs and pigs. The exhibit of draft and work horses, while not so large as in former years, is good, and attracts the interest of those interested in raising horses. Not so much attention has been given to the poultry exhibit as in former years, but nevertheless it is most creditable.

The feature of yesterday's program was a speech by his excellency, Governor Withycombe. The governor arrived on the 1:43 train and was met at the depot by a delegation of citizens headed by W. J. Fullerton, president of the fair board. The governor made a careful inspection of the agricultural exhibits and complimented President Fullerton and Secretary Allen on the fine showing made. His speech was attentively listened to and heartily applauded by the hundreds present.

Fred Morgus, who tendered his car for the governor's service and volunteered his services as chauffeur, took the governor and a party of friends on an auto ride around the city before time for the governor to take the train for Portland.

The real big day of the fair is today---School Children's day. At 10 o'clock the grand parade will occur, and before noon the Boy Scouts will give a drill. In the afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, the Grand Musical Festival program will be given. Prof. LeStrange will give another balloon ascension, and other amusement features will serve to interest the many who will attend.

The Columbia County Fair for this year has been a distinct success, and the fair board is to be congratulated on the good showing made. Secretary Allen promises that he will have a complete premium list made up within the next few weeks and it will be published in this paper.

AGENT DIVENS GETS PROMOTION

Goes to Seaside and Has Taken Charge of That Station.

J. O. Divens, who has acceptably filled the position as agent of the S. P. & S. at St. Helens for a number of years, has been transferred to Seaside, which, from a railroad standpoint, is a more desirable station on account of shorter hours and less detail work. Mr. Divens left Tuesday night and will shortly be followed by his wife and children after their personal matters here are closed up.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Divens have many friends here who wish them success in their new location.

ANOTHER SHIPYARD FOR COLUMBIA CITY

Site is Obtained---Work to Begin at Once.

Another shipyard is soon to be established at Columbia City. The site obtained lays just north of the Sommarstrom yard and ample space for a yard and ways has been secured. The concern that will operate the yard is the International Shipbuilding Company, an Oregon corporation, which has filed articles of incorporation with the state.

Attorney George M. McBride, who represents the company, informs the Mist that work will begin within thirty days; that lumber has already been ordered for temporary structures, and as soon as the mills can deliver the large timbers for ways and machine shop active work will be in progress. Though the company has accepted no contracts, several are under consideration and will probably be undertaken when the yard is ready for operation.

Mr. McBride was somewhat reticent about the details but authorized the statement that the yard was an assured fact; that it would be one of the large yards of the Columbia river and work on its construction will be rushed.

With the establishment and operation of this yard several hundred men will be given employment and the town and community will prosper the more.

VACATION TIME OVER; SCHOOL NEXT MONDAY

Faculty is Complete and Everything in Readiness for Start.

All plans are complete for the opening of school Monday morning, and a well trained corps of teachers have been obtained. Rev. D. J. Taylor has been elected as one of the teachers in the high school to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Reed. The following is the assignment of work:

John Gunn School
First grade, Miss Beth Perry.
Second grade, Miss Helen Hall.
Third grade, Mrs. Amanda Lake.
Fourth grade, Miss Helen Galberth.
Fifth grade, Miss Ruby Hicketier.
Sixth grade, Miss Laura Stennich.
Seventh grade, Mrs. Effie Wilson.
Eighth grade, Mr. Joseph McCoy.
High School
Language, Miss Ada McCowen.
Science, Miss Jennie Huggins.
Mathematics---Mr. Donald J. Taylor.
Pedagogy and History, Mr. L. L. Baker.

McBride School
First and Second grades, Miss Ethel Matthews.
Third and Fourth grades, Mrs. Andrews.
Fifth and Sixth grades, Miss Armstrong.
Seventh and Eighth grades, Mr. Chas. Lake.

All beginners in the first grade should enter during the first two weeks of school, as no new classes for beginners will be formed after that time, and all pupils are urged to enter on the opening day.

There will be a teachers' meeting in the high school building at 2:30 p. m. Saturday. This will be an important meeting and all teachers are expected to attend.

All music teachers who are expecting to give lessons to high school pupils with a view to getting music credit, should see the superintendent and fill out a qualification blank, showing that they are properly qualified to teach music.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Cattle---Best beef steers, \$9 to \$9.75; good beef steers, \$7.50-\$8.75; best beef cows, \$6.75-\$7.50; ordinary to good cows, \$4.67-\$5; best heifers, \$7-\$8; bulls, \$4.67-\$5; calves, \$7.00-\$9.50; stocker and feeder steers, \$4 to \$7.25.

Hogs---Current prices are: Prime light, \$7.75 to \$7.85; prime heavy, \$17.65-\$17.75; pigs, \$14 to \$16; bulk, \$17.75. Tops Monday brought \$18.

Sheep---Western lambs, \$13.00 to \$13.50; valley lambs, \$11.75-\$12.50; yearlings, \$10-\$10.50; wethers, \$9.75-\$10.50; ewes, \$8 to \$8.50.

LUMBER SHIPMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA

Week's Shipping Large---Four Vessels Load.

Harvey Rothchild has been appointed as purser on the steamer Willamette, succeeding C. Neeman, resigned. Mr. Rothchild is an experienced and affable officer, and no doubt will add to the popularity of the McCormick steamship line.

The steamer Klamath arrived in Wednesday noon and went to the boom, where 1,000,000 feet of ties will be taken on for delivery at San Pedro. The vessel will sail Saturday night.

Coming light, the steamer Millamette, Captain Erickson, arrived early Wednesday morning and is taking on a full cargo of lumber and piling for delivery in the Bay City. Captain Erickson plans to clear the vessel Saturday night and will have a number of passengers.

The steamer Deisy Matthews arrived Thursday morning and is completing her lumber cargo for delivery at San Pedro.

E. H. Kannady, formerly chief engineer of the Willamette, has been transferred to the Wahkeena, and Chief Robinson of the Wahkeena to the Willamette. The Wahkeena this trip goes to South America. Kannady wanted to go and Robinson didn't---hence the change.

LABOR UNREST DELAYS TIMBER DEVELOPMENT

Eccles Syndicate Drops Plans at Present for Logging Railways.

By reason of unsettled conditions in the local labor world, plans of the Eccles syndicate to construct logging railways into the immense timber tracts purchased last spring from the Dubois Lumber Company are held in abeyance. According to David C. Eccles, president of the American Oregon Lumber Company and also of the Oregon Lumber Company, the project to establish sawmills in the Columbia river district or in Portland to work up the timber bought in the northwestern corner of the state is also held up, although some definite announcement may be made before he returns to his home at Ogden, Utah.

HONOR LIST RISING IN COW TESTING ASSN.

As a Result of Testing and Culling the Standard of Production Has Been Raised to Forty-five Pounds of Butterfat.

The honor list of the Gresham-Slough Cow Testing Association has grown to such an extent that it is necessary to raise the standard to 45 pounds instead of 40 pounds as heretofore. This is very gratifying and shows that the production has been raised through testing and culling.

August has been a very hard month for the dairymen in this section and some have become discouraged and disposed of their herds. However, the list we publish shows that there are many good cows which are being pointed out to the owners of herds in this vicinity and elsewhere through the testing association.

COWS PRODUCING OVER 45 POUNDS BUTTERFAT IN THE MONTH

Owner.	Name, Breed.	Age.	Fresh.	Milk.	Test.	Butterfat.
John Farr	Rosie, G. Dur.	6	May	1050	6.3	68.15
John Farr	Spot, G. Hol.	9	July	1283	4.5	57.73
John Farr	Bahe, G. Hol.	3	July	1326	4.3	57.01
John Farr	Sprutz, G. Hol.	8	June	1500	3.7	55.50
C. H. Johanson	Tate, G. Hol.	7	Jan.	1061	5.2	55.12
C. C. Woodcock	Favennne, R. Jer.	6	June	1091	4.9	53.45
J. Luscher	No. 3, G. Jer.	5	July	1370	3.9	53.43
Fred Ulrich	Annie 2nd, G. Hol.	6	July	1481	3.6	53.31
S. B. Hall	No. 37, G. Hol.	5	July	1505	3.5	52.52
Wist Bros.	Betina Rose, R. Hol.	8	June	1308	4.0	52.32
J. Luscher	Mayberry, G. Hol.	11	Mar.	1423	3.66	52.08
Sam Weiss	Lucy, G. Hol.	4	May	865	6.0	51.90
Mult Farm	Eugenia Rose, R. Jer.	3	July	885	5.8	51.33
John Farr	No. 28, G. Hol.	8	May	1478	3.4	50.75
W. S. Johnson	Molly, G. Hol.	1153	4.4	50.73
Wist Bros.	No. 2 D., G. Hol.	8	May	1209	4.2	50.40
Mult Farm	Blackie, G. Hol.	7	..	1227	4.1	50.30
John Farr	No. 21, G. Hol.	6	July	1221	4.1	50.06
H. G. Mullenhoff	Daisy, G. Hol.	..	July	1274	3.88	49.43
G. Jonsrud	Marilla, R. Hol.	..	May	703	7.0	49.21
G. Jonsrud	Jene, G. Jer.	8	June	954	5.1	48.65
Fred Ulrich	Pinky, G. Jer.	11	May	1063	4.5	47.82
Wist Bros.	No. 34 A., G. Dur.	8	July	1103	4.3	47.42
Johanson Bros.	Brindle, G. Dur.	6	July	830	5.3	46.64
C. C. Woodcock	Brownie, G. Jer.	..	June	930	5.0	46.50
Johanson Bros.	No. 16, G. Jer.	..	May	1103	4.2	46.32
C. J. Unis	Beuty, G. Jer.	6	June	979	4.7	46.01
Fred Uhlman	Sun, G. Jer.	6	July	1271	3.6	45.75

Besides the above mentioned cows there are 18 others that have produced over 40 pounds butterfat for the month of August.

H. G. MULLENHOFF, Secretary.

GOVERNMENT TAKES GIANT STEAMERS

Great Northern and Northern Pacific Have Been Commandeered.

The United States government has taken over the giant steamers Great Northern and Northern Pacific for military necessities, and they have been ordered to proceed to Bremerton, Wash., navy yard at once. It is presumed that both vessels will be used as transports to take our fighting men to France and England. No arrangements have been made by the company operating the vessels to place other tonnage on the San Francisco-Flavel route, though it is thought such arrangements will soon be made. The taking off of these vessels is a great loss to Portland and the Columbia river territory, as they afforded quick freight and passenger service.

The short notice given the company by the government has left them unable to make any immediate plans for the resumption of freight and passenger business. In the meantime the business will be handled by the steam schooners and the Portland-San Francisco steamer line. The vessels taken over by the government cost about \$2,500,000 each and were built in Philadelphia in 1915.

ROAD WORK IN NEHALEM PROGRESSES

Roadmaster Abry returned Saturday last from a week's inspection trip in the lower end of the county and in the Nehalem country. He states that all road work has been progressing satisfactorily, except that the rains of last week slightly interfered. The one mile of road from Pittsburg towards St. Helens has been completed and is a first class piece of work. As stated in our last issue, a contract has been let for another mile on this road.

On the third mile of road, Mr. Abry states there is a prospect of securing a supply of good rock, so with the completion of the grading, rocking will be begun. It is stated that some of the residents in the Trenholm district are contemplating the levying of a special road tax for that district so more funds will be available for work on the road from Trenholm towards Pittsburg.

SHIPYARD STRIKE IS STILL ON

Government May Take Hand in Settling Matter.

Apparently the shipyard strike in St. Helens and at the other yards on the Pacific coast is no nearer a settlement than when the men, acting on orders from an unknown source, laid down their tools Saturday morning. Three hundred men left the yards of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company and 70 quit at the Sommarstrom plant. Thursday most of the men had returned to work at the latter yard and officials of the local shipbuilding company stated that 50 men were at work and fairly good progress being made on the government vessels now under construction. Manager McCormick of the St. Helens Shipbuilding Company attended a meeting of the shipbuilders in Portland Wednesday, and L. G. Harry, federal conciliator, made suggestions as to the settlement of the disputes, but no definite plan was adopted. From all we can learn, a majority of the men who left the yards both in St. Helens and elsewhere, did not want to strike, but followed orders handed down from some source.

While several demands have been made, shorter hours, more pay, half holiday on Saturday, etc., the main contention seems to be an open or closed shop. The shipbuilders do not seem inclined to grant this and many of the shipyard employes are holding firm in their determination. Government officials at Washington view the situation with alarm, as construction work on ships which are now badly needed is being held up, and it is very probable that the shipping board will take some action.

The strike affects St. Helens very much, as 200 or more men are now idle and each day the strike continues means a great loss both to the men who are out and the community at large.

It is stated that 2,500 men are out at Portland, 1,000 at Astoria and several hundred more at points along the river. No disturbances have been in evidence and very little picketing, though several walking delegates are reported to have been circulating in St. Helens.

FEDERAL SOLDIERS SENT TO ASTORIA

To Protect Mill Plants and Shipyards During Strike.

Acting on the request of B. F. Stone, president of the port of Astoria commission, Governor Withycombe placed the matter before Colonel Dentier, commanding the United States troops in the northwest district, and he sent 100 troops to Astoria to guard the plants of the lumbermen and shipyards. The strike situation in Astoria which resulted in three of the largest wooden shipbuilding yards in the northwest to close, was brought to a critical stage Tuesday when approximately 200 of the employees of the Hammond Lumber Company refused to work and went on a strike, apparently in sympathy with other strikers. Electric current for Astoria, Seaside, Warrenton and other towns is furnished by the Hammond mill, the closing of which would bring about a serious situation. The soldiers are guarding the property of the company but no disturbance has occurred.

GAME DEPARTMENT TO CURTAIL EXPENSES

Lack of Funds May Cause Deputies to Lose Jobs.

It has been decided to drop a number of the deputy game wardens from the state's payroll on account of a lack of funds for the conduct of the department. Not as many hunting and fishing licenses have been taken out as formerly, hence the shortage of funds. It is possible that Deputy Warden Brown might be one of those who are temporarily let out, but his friends throughout the county hope he will be continued in office as he is a faithful, conscientious officer who has performed good service for the state. For the past two years Mr. Brown has worked in the Columbia county district and he has proved himself a very efficient officer.

DRAFTED MEN LEAVE FOR AMERICAN LAKE

TWENTY ARE CALLED

Banquet and Reception by Honor Guard and Red Cross.

Twenty more of Columbia county's boys have answered the call and are now in regular army service. They comprised the 40 per cent of the men drafted from this county, and left Wednesday morning for Camp Lewis, Washington, to become soldiers in the new national army training for field service in France. With those now at the camp, approximately 45 per cent of Columbia county's quota has reported for service.

Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock the boys who went to the camp, and many of the drafted men who will go on the next call, were the guests of the St. Helens Honor Guard at a dinner in the Guild hall. The invited guests were Rev. Hisey, Rev. Taylor, Mayor Morton and members of the local exemption board. At each place was a unique place card, a picture of Uncle Sam waving the Stars and Stripes and on the back of the cards was written the names of the Honor Guard. And such a dinner! It is a safe bet that no cook in the government service will set before the boys such a feed as they had, and they enjoyed it to the fullest extent. Music and short speeches added to the pleasure of the hour, and Miss Alvord, president of the Honor Guard, made a short talk to the "soldier boys to be," stating that the girls were ever ready to help them, and no matter whether it be on the bloody battle fields of France or in the training camps of America, the girls wanted the boys to write and keep in touch with them, so they would be the better able to aid.

After dinner, all went to the city hall, where the Red Cross auxiliary was in readiness to receive them. The hall was artistically decorated and the stage settings elaborate. A regular army tent, camp fire in front and presided over by three khaki clad Boy Scouts, reminded one of regular army life, and "Old Glory" waving in the breeze of an electric fan added further beauty to the stage settings. Smith's orchestra rendered several well received numbers, and Rev. Taylor, acting as toastmaster, announced the program. The quartet (?) of eight voices entertained the large audience with several selections. Rev. Hisey made a feeling and well received address to the boys and, being a veteran of the Spanish-American war, gave much good advice. The president of the Honor Guard also made a short address which was well received and heartily applauded. The program closed by the singing of "America," the audience standing.

"Major" Barnett then got busy and in a few minutes arranged for a public dance. Miss Bessie Hattan and Messrs. Oswald and John Deming volunteered their services as musicians and soon the orchestra was organized. A grand march, led by "Major" and Mrs. Barnett and participated in by fifty couples, was the beginning of the "after" entertainment. Dancing lasted until midnight when Sergeant Woltz ordered his men to quarters.

Some twenty machines were parked in front of the courthouse at 8:30 Wednesday morning to take the boys and their friends to the station, and more than 100 people were at the depot to say farewell to them. As the train left, "midst tears and cheers and a prayer for victory and a safe return, the home people bade the boys goodbye and godspeed.

In addition to "Major" Barnett, who had charge of the safe arrival of the boys at the training camp, Glen Metsker accompanied them, and at the last minute several kind friends gave Doctor Hoskin a boost onto the train platform, and before he could say he wouldn't go the train was under way with Hoskin the willing prisoner of Metsker and Barnett, who took exceptionally good care of him.

The next quota of the county's drafted men will leave October 3.

The boys were loud in their praise of the reception and entertainment.